"My door has been vandalized, and I've had signs ripped off," Treat said. "I've gotten anonymous e-mails. They like the f-word."

He said counter-measures of profanity and hate mail are not effective persuasive strategies, and he encourages his students to be more committed to making dialogue instead of screaming matches.

Treat said there are points to both sides about the war, and people need to talk about it so others can form an honest opinion.

"By silencing those people who have a different view, it stops people who are impartial on making a decision about where they stand," Treat said. "We can't evaluate both sides unless you hear everyone."

He said those who are anti-war have a fear of physical harm from those who are pro-war, and many do not voice their views because of intimidation tactics like those used Saturday.

Caitilin Grabarek, an anthropology senior and CAWI member, said she has received threatening phone calls from Richard Condon and his listeners because of her anti-war views.

"I had this woman call me and ask me what I was going to do when Saddam came to nuke Baton Rouge," Grabarek said. "I just told her I thought he would be smart enough to know the Saints are in New Orleans."

Grabarek said violent protests toward others has a double effect because it can be intimidating, but it also gets people more involved and wanting to take action to protect their rights.

Craig Freeman, a lawyer and mass communication media law professor, said people have a constitutional right to freedom of speech.

"It gets tricky because people have the right to free speech, but people also have the right to oppose the protesters," Freeman said.

He said people have overstepped their boundaries when they use "fighting words," or language that is not protected under free speech rights.

"If I say, 'If you don't meet me in front of Johnston Hall at 3:40, I'm going to shoot you,' that's a conditional threat, and it is protected," Freeman said. "But if I stand right in front of you and say 'If you don't shut up, I'm going to shoot you,' that's an immediate threat; it isn't protected, so someone could get sued."

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john melvin

To: Date: Mike Powell 4/3/03 1:59PM

Subject:

The future of the media

Mr. Powell,

Forgive my sarcasm, but it seems that if the FCC is set up to regulate the communications, how then is it possible that we live in a world were mainstream media, print, television and radio have succumbed to toting the party line rather than reporting the truth? News organizations have changed story content to better reflect the governments viewpoint (MSNBC for instance changed an online article within minutes of their editor's mistake at printing a less then favorable account of the administration's lack of Iraqi WMD evidence); Radio conglomerates actively and publicly sponsoring pro-war rallies; tv news stations refusing to fairly entertain opposing viewpoints; and general cooperation of the media to spread government propaganda.

I had the opportunity to speak with a french reporter recently in d.c., upon being asked what her opinion of the war was, she replied, I am a reporter, I am impartial. Unfortuanately, I do not think the same could be said about CNN.

The future, sir, lies in your hands. Demand that there be less wide market ownership of radio stations, effectively giving control to more than half the content to one corporation, Clear Channel is the biggest culprit. Regulate that TV news either report the truth or shutdown. Insist that newsmedia not "hype" stories in order to boost the profit line. And above all, demand that the news media return to the hallmarks of responsible journalism and leave the armchair reporting to someone else.

I wish to thank you for your patience in hearing me out. It is my true hope that the FCC is not tainted by corporate sponsorship or political bullying to be able to stand up to this bastardizaion of what once was and should be a free press.

Thank you,

John Melvin 211 Quincy Shore Dr #1 Quincy, MA 02171

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**Doris Lefley** 

To:

Doris Lefley

Date:

4/4/03 2:44PM

Subject:

Re: fcc regulations

On Friday, April 4, 2003, at 01:40 PM, Doris Lefley wrote:

- > Mr Powell I urgently request that you reconsider the policy of
- > allowing media owner ship to be consolidated which will result in a
- > limited information available to the public . I am against docket
- > #02-277. thank you diefley wilmette II

CC:

Mike Powell

MAQuigley@aol.com

To: Date: Mike Powell 4/4/03 2:56PM

Subject:

Oppose the Liberalization of Media Ownership Regulations

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am opposed to any proposed plan to liberalize rules regarding media ownership.

As the months leading up to the war in Iraq have painfully demonstrated, the media is already controlled by too few corporations whose vested interest in promoting the war, to benefit parent companies, or for ratings, has played a major role in leading our country into a war that I and many others feel would have been more strongly opposed and therefore prevented had Americans enjoyed the benefit of balanced and investigative reporting.

I urge you to keep this undeniable abuse of corporate media power in mind when voting. Many American and Iraqi soldiers and civilians have been needlessly killed or maimed and scarred for life in a large part because of the failure of the U.S. media to remain objective in the face of anticipated profits and ratings.

Sincerely,

Michelle Quigley

John B.

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

4/4/03 4:09PM

Subject:

Peoples Airways

Mr. Powel, you tell those grubby Corporations keep thier filty hands off what belongs to the people of the United States. We the people will hold you responsible for any give away. Because we vote.

John Bakalik, WW2 combat Veteran, Mauston Wis.

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FLHChooch@aol.com

To: Date: Mike Powell 4/4/03 8:57PM

Subject:

Concerning FCC Restrictions

Mr. Powell,

It is my opinion as a voting member of this country that the FCC should side with the interests of the small broadcasters of this nation. It is appalling that the media is controlled by so few companies. Big money is corrupting the channels of communication to the people. How can reporters report what needs to be reported if it's against their own company's interests? Say no to lifting restrictions of ownership of our limited venues of communication. No to monopolization and lack of local ownership. More voices, not less. Thank you.

Greg Gilroy New Jersey voter

David Pfund

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

4/4/03 9:03PM

Subject:

Clear Channel Communications

Sir:

I've heard that the FCC is considering removing all restrictions on the number of radio and television stations and networks media conglomerates can own. I can't comment on the proposed rule change in general. All I know is that Clear Channel Communications does not deserve any greater access to the public airwaves in my community. I don't believe the rule change is in the public interest, if companies such as them will benefit from it.

Recently I heard, what is to me anyway, an incredibly offensive remark during a station break on their local affiliate here in Richland Washington. The remark was "...Turning Iraq into a parking lot, with plenty of handicapped parking. America Rocks!" They are not serving the interests of my home town by encouraging hatred, particularly in the audience of young people that tend to listen to their station, and I told them so.

With them being a distant and large corporation, I'm not sure I addressed my comments to the appropriate person at Clear Channel. I'm sure that their employees can't be bothered to respond to complaints from a tiny town in eastern Washington. That's the problem with your proposed rule change - these corporations have no local accountability.

David Pfund Richland, WA

## Begin forwarded message:

- > From: "Pfund, David M" <david.pfund@pnl.gov>
- > Date: Wed Apr 2, 2003 1:10:27 PM US/Pacific
- > To: DianeDWarren@clearchannel.com
- > Cc: dpfund@earthlink.net
- > Subject: Your affiliate in Richland WA
- >
- > Ms. Warren:

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- > I read somewhere, I think it was in "The Art of War," that a wise man
- > doesn't celebrate the defeat of an enemy, he weeps. Apparently there
- > are no wisemen at Clear Channel Communications. I just listened to an
- > appalling station break announcement on your station in Richland WA,
- > 97.1 FM ("97 Rock"). The recording said "Turning Iraq into a parking
- > lot, with plenty of handicapped parking. America Rocks!" I would
- > have hoped that, no matter what our opinions are about the war and
- > it's justification, that we could all agree that it is very
- > unfortunate, to say the least, and that such remarks as I heard on
- > your station are cruel and stupid.

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> Perhaps it's inevitable that a nation takes on some of the habits of

- its enemy in war. That seems to be what's happened in the past.
  Still, it saddens me to hear Americans shreeking like middle eastern
  militants.
  I'll never listen to your station here again, or any other Clear
  Channel station.
  David Pfund
  Richland, WA
- *>*

ACROSHERE4@aol.com

To: Date: Mike Powell 4/4/03 9:04PM

Subject:

An opinion of the common citizen

Dear FCC Chairman Powell,

I know you have a heavy burden and I don't mean to add to that by disagreeing with what may be your stance on the issue of deregulation but I feel it necessary to voice my objection to further consolidation of the media.

I think you're stance, as I understand it, is based on the concept that further consolidation will strengthen the media for communities. I am sorry that I do not agree with that.

I don't see that in my community, Dallas, Texas. What I see is that a story gets a trial run on channel five or eight and then is altered the next day in the papers -- Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Dallas Morning News respectively. I see less and less news on the news. I don't just mean tacky stories during sweeps, I mean stories that belong on Entertainment Tonight if they belong on TV at all.

Someone's pushing a movie, a TV show, an album, what have you. That has a place on the morning shows what with their two hour coverage (three in the case of Today Show) but when I'm watching my nightly news, I don't need to know who's putting out what product. I need to know issues.

I'll give you one example. In Dallas, Texas, a number of Hispanics were arrested and convicted of drug possession. The FBI is now overseeing an invesitgation into how sheet rock resulted in drug convictions. The coverage of this issue has been minimal. Recently, a nearby community had a similar case, only in this instance it was African-Americans being falsely arrested. I find it really sad that The Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram gave the issue less coverage than the New York Times. New York, to Texas, is practically another world. It's kind of exotic for us native Texans. But I found out much more about that case from the NY Times than I did from either of our two daily papers. (Some would argue that we only have one daily paper -- The Dallas Morning News. Fort Worth is another city, yes. And there's a point to be made there as well. I buy both papers daily because of the fact that Dallas no longer has The Dallas Times Herald. We're one of the top ten cities in the country but we only have one daily. That goes to the problem with consolidation.)

On the radio, I don't hear local voices. I don't hear local issues. Competition in the market place would, I feel, lead the stations (radio & TV) to work harder at getting stories.

But the issue that bothers me the most is where is the small business owner in all of this? We used to be a nation that believed in the "little man." Look at what happened with the consolidation of farms in the eighties, the "little man" was driven out of that market. I'm all for a free market. I'm not for consolidation of the market.

We own the airwaves, we the people. We're not being served, I feel, with all these mergers and major buyouts.

I'm sure you've given serious consideration to this issue. I ask that you give further consideration to it for the sake of the people. More and more, it seems like we don't have a voice in what goes on. More and more, it seems like whoever can hire the lobbyists gets to frame the argument.

I know you were raised by a fine mother and I know decent values and belief in your fellow man were instilled in you early on. I ask that you consider the long rage implications on our lives if the media is allowed to further consolidate.

Thank you and God bless.

-- Jake Whatley

Carole Wilson

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

4/4/03 10:45PM

Subject:

complicity in war

Mr. Powell

If you further deregulate the media- increase this consolidation of ownership...already this war has been accomplished by the media emotionally manipulating us - some TO DEATH- not on behalf of freedom but on behalf of the likes of Haliburton.

If you continue this shift of shiftiness- trust me it WILL come out somehow. (this country may have been bamboozled but the rest of the planet was not- incase you didn't notice the byline on this script isn't Bush or even any of his puppetteers but Osama bin Laden)

I don't see how you can stand yourself or sleep at night knowing the media did this and you helped.

Carole Wilson Austin, TX

"Our perceptions turn on our genes and turn off our genes and our perceptions can rewrite our genes," -Bruce Lipton, former researcher at the Stanford School of Medicine

Luise Landers

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

4/5/03 12:35AM

Subject:

Airways Usage

Dear Chairman Powell,

This is to ask you and the other FCC Commissioners to restrict ownership of U.S. media by conglomerates. To maintain a democracy, citizens need the many viewpoints of individual users of the public airways. We do not want corporate monopoly ownership of our radio and TV broadcasts.

Yours, Luise Landers Redding CA 96002 shannon@awwwsome.com

Jill Waterhouse

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

4/5/03 12:44AM

Subject:

Clear Channel

Hello,

I'm writing to plead with the FCC to please stop the monopoly of radio stations by Clear Channel Broadcasting.

A monopoly on anything is clearly not a good thing. Clear Channel is dangerous. I should know, I lived in the Florida Keys where Clear Channel has many stations. During a major storm two years ago, we had no idea a pipe had burst and we should not drink the water! There were no announcements over the radio, there couldn't be, there was no one there.

The refusal of Clear Channel to play the Dixie Chicks, their decision making process that affects many people across the nation in favor of what they believe is dangerous. For the record I don't even listen to the Chicks, but I bought the CD anyway.

A monopoly on stations across this country AND imposing their beliefs is not American. It is UnAmerican. America is supposed to be a democracy. Unfortunately that is becoming rare these days. Until the next election when we can change all this, and we will, I plead with the FCC to please, at least, put a stop to Clear Channel. Give the 'little guy' a chance.

Thank you,

Jilayne Waterhouse Palm Coast, FL

Tom M

To:

Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen

Abernathy

Date: Subject: 4/5/03 1:44AM

t: Conglomerates

Dear Commissioner Powell and members:

I was very disturbed by a report by Bill Moyers on PBS regarding the Conglomerate ownership of Mass Media outlets.

Knowing that the "independent" voice is being squashed by Six "big money owners" who are now basically control the output of News and information in the USA. Of course, most of the viewers, readers and listeners have NO IDEA of the scope of this problem as the Conglomerates feel it is N:T IN THEIR BEST INTEREST to inform us.

Further, I am concerned about the LACK of personnel available at stations lest he same tragedy occur here trhat did in Minot, ND thanks to Clear Cahannel's "unmanned" station.

I'm not that old, but I DO remember that we used to Anti-Trust Laws in this country. I seem to remember a time when the owner of Newspapers could not also control the airwaves. I remember a time when SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY was the AIM of most Media Stations, with required News Breaks on AM, etc. I guess the legislation of 1996 threw out the "baby with the bath water.". All that seems to matter now is BOTTOM LINE.

To hear the Executive state they need MORE STATIONS to maintain their "current standard" is an utter laugh. They re producing "reality shows" at a FRACTION of what I consider "True" entertainment. So then need MORE STATIONS to distribute LOW COST PROGRAMMING, and produce GREATER Earnings? I don't see how that fulfills the need or mission statement of Serving a community. Perhaps you can explain this to me. And the same executive stated that they needed more Stations to maintain the same level of Sports Coverage. Perhaps this argument works for the feeble minded. As we learned in Business 101, it seems that ADVERTISING is what pays to keep "Free Television- Free." It doesn't take a Rocket Scientist to figure out the astronomical amounts paid of a 15-30 second as during a major event like Superbowl, etc. are PROFITABLE to the Owners. Face it, if it wasn't profitable, they Would Not Do IT; Would Not Carry Specific Programming, Would not vie to carry specific events. They sure aren't doing it pour the goodness of their hearts. In the Rush to make all this money, the losers are the AMERICAN PEOPLE who are given less variety in viewpoints.

As for the "trips" and other perks, I don't care about those AS LONG AS THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION REMEMBER WHO PAYS THEIR SALARIES, I refer to the TAXPAYERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

I urge you and the other members of the Commission to CHANGE the status quo and stop conglomerates like Disney, Time-Warner and etc. from maintaining more than 50% control of ANY Market area.

It's time to bring back the independence and Freedom of Speech we deserve. We are ENTITLED to different viewpoints. We don't need a "Democratic" Government with Media run by a few "Dictators." The NETWORKS and/or Station Owners must be MADE to support, without strings or subversion, PUBLIC TELEVISION and National Public Radio. If for No Other Reason, to provide viewers and listeners a CHOICE of viewpoint, not controlled by the Conglomerates.

Thank You for your time.

Respectfully,

Thomas P. Malatino. Granbury, TX

2506 Neil Ct. Granbury, TX 76048-6529

"Meddle not in the affairs of Wizards, for they are Subtle and quick to Anger!"
 ~J. R. R. Tolkien
"Did you ever get the feeling that the story's too damn real, and in the Present Tense?"
 ~Pethro Tull

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To:

Mike Powell

Date: Subject: 4/5/03 11:55AM Fw: Airways Usage

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Yours, Gordon and Peggy Meyer Gig Harbor Wa 98329 redapple@wa.net

Leep1934@aol.com

To:

Mike Powell 4/5/03 12:26PM

Date: Subject:

Comments

Dear Commissioner Powell: Since Comcast Inc bought out our cable company less than two years ago our rates have increased 33% with no increase in service. Please break up the cable monopolies as you did with the ATT telephone monopoly. Also, isn't there a reasonable number of radio stations such as Clear Communications can own(1,200 now and trying for more) and drive out so many small local stations? They've done it down here in Naples, Florida and in Northwest Virginia where we live during the summer. Would you please send us a comment on your recent positions on these communication situations. Thank you, Leon and Zandra Perlinn, 164 Sharwood Dr., Naples, FL 34110, leep1934@aol.com

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To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael

Copps

Date:

4/5/03 1:53PM

Subject:

FW: FOR FREE SPEECH

Please let this letter serve as our formal complaint and objection to any pending FCC rulings which may lift restriction's on mergers between TV broadcast networks and the number of local TV or radio stations owned by one company. Such deregulation threatens to further stifle the diversity of programming for consumers, advertisers and producers. One of the main charges of the FCC is to promote diversity, which doesn't just refer to people of color, it refers to many different types of programming. We applaud you Commissioner Copps for attempting to draw attention to this problem. I would like to go on record as being opposed to increased or further media deregulation and wish for you to act on my behalf and STOP further media deregulation.

Respectfully yours, <jemagwga@knology.net>

Vbuchwald@aol.com

To: Date: Mike Powell 4/5/03 2:45PM

Subject:

ownership of media outlets

We urge the Commission to approve regulations that will restrict the number of radio and television stations that can be owned by any single company or conglomerate. It is essential to a democratic society that there be ample opportunity for many voices and views to be heard throuthout our nation and the world.

Alexander M. Buchwald & Virginia E. Buchwald 3145 Coppertree Drive, Bloomington, Indiana 47401

CC:

Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

Rachel Plotkin

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

4/5/03 3:27PM

Subject:

The time has come to reverse the trend of massive Media Consolidation

Dear Chairman Powell.

I am one of millions of Americans who are keenly aware of the monopolization of our public airwaves into the hands of 6--6 behemoth corporations. The demise of the Fairness Doctrine and the removal of obstacles to consolidation as a result of the 96 Telecommunications Act has resulted in the destruction of a viable media. The integrity of journalists has fallen to such low levels with hate spewing, spinning, and yes lying talk and tv radio hosts and pundits such as Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter and Michael Savage. They exercise their First Amendment rights, but the American people need and deserve to hear those who would come from a different political perspective.

The FCC --with the abolition of the Fairness Doctrine no longer considers those who control and dissseminate public information as "trustees" of the public. No fiduciary duties to disclose bias, or conflict of interest, or to carry balanced points of view. Now they are nothing more than free market profiteers. This has severely diminished and damaged the integrity and quality--not to mention accuracy of radio and television programming. This goes to the heart of our democracy.

There are far more millions of course, who know nothing of this .....and are simply now on the recieving end of an unapologetically one sided barage of information, spin, including blatent lies and inaccuries--all couched in the fiction that it is "balanced news coverage." Just the laughable notion that Fox Network presents balanced coverage with "no spin" is point in fact. Anyone--even those not politically minded can identify the clear bias of this network and the hard right wing perspective and propoganda it hammers out on a daily basis.

I will be urging my elected officials to do all they can to return our public discourse to one that is consistent and true to our democratic principles --true to a democratic republic--and to leave behind to history--this tragic ode to fascist, one sided unbalanced news coverage. All the world --who watches our television stations are shocked to find such little balance and the outright hypocrisy of such a media conglomerates fighting tooth and nail against reforms and rules that would eliminate their stranglehold on the American discourse. Such one sided debates dumbs down our public and does not even give them enough balanced information to make up their own minds. Just as in any dictatorship--people cannot learn to know what is not presented to them.

I do not believe that this nation can survive the current and ongoing disintegration of public information and debate. It is the core of our democracy. It is the core of our First Amendment.

I hope that our elected officials will take the time to present these issues to the American public. I urge you to examine the sacred obligation the FCC has in our nation to protect our democracy.

For 6 corporations to own our airwaves is beyond imagining, and yet it is the sad truth. Stop the madness. The time has come.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen

Mark Dixon

To:

Mike Powell 4/5/03 11:56PM

Date: Subject:

re upcoming regulatory hearings

Mr. Powell,

While you apparently think that the efforts of Mr. Edelstein and Copps to edify the American public are misbegotten (about the risks of loosening already very loose FCC regulations regarding station ownership) - I believe your words were something to the effect of 'resorting to antiquated whistle-stop tactics' - I for one applaud their efforts.

The mainstream press has all but ignored this potential sea-change in regulations, proof positive that the corporations that already own media outlets aren't keen on the dissemination of this kind of news.

Your efforts, on the other hand, (among them, cloaking this nefarious regulatory change in byzantine logic) will undoubtedly grant you a special place in the history books, in the chapter entitled 'The Decline of Denfocracy in America'.

Sincerely,

Mark Dixon Portland, OR

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To: Date: Mike Powell 4/6/03 12:51AM

Subject:

Re: FCC rulings.

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Respectfully yours,

Michael J. McEvoy Composer 2802 Westmoreland Drive Nshville, TN. 37212

http://www.michaeljmcevoy.com

Kaitlin Davis Mike Powell

To: Date:

4/6/03 11:36AM

Subject:

Broadcasting company restrictions

## Dear Mr. Powell,

I was recently watching a PBS news broadcast, on a show called "Now", about the FCC and its consideration of removing or changing some regulations which now limit large broadcasting companies' ability to expand. It disturbs me greatly that this may be allowed to happen. I think that if these broadcasting companies are allowed to become monopolies it would threaten the liberty of my people, the American people. I greatly value the freedom of the press and I think that no one should be able to threaten that freedom, even the press itself.

I greatly appreciate your time and would greatly appreciate a response.

Thank you,

Kaitlin Davis

Madison, WI resident

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rachaeldavis@sbcglobal.net

To:

Mike Powell 4/6/03 7:46PM

Date: Subject:

**BIG MEDIA** 

Dear Mr. Powell and FCC Commissioners:

In the interest of the public good, I urge all of you to NOT support policies that would allow the major media corporations to continue buying up independent/smaller companies.

As a citizen, I do not want to see a handful of huge media corporations dictating what I see and watch on the airwaves. I beleive that this would help to undermine what is left of the democratic process in our country.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was a deregulation mistake, and it has had far reaching negative effects on the public good.

Please, do the right thing and don't allow a few media conglomerates to take control and dominate the telecommunications business complex.

Respectfully, Rachael Davis New Britain, CT

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, NOWWeb@thirteen.org

Spikereskin@aol.com

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

4/6/03 11:26PM

Subject:

Clear Channel

## Dear Representative:

I am outraged that Clear Channel has the free reign to instigate attacks on protesters without any legal ramifications. America feels more and more like the lawless Wild West.

M. Estelle Spike Weston, FL